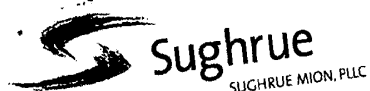


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Re: Application of **Baltes GASS**

**MACHINING SYSTEM AND TOOL UNIT FOR THE
MACHINING OF WORKPIECES**

Assignee: **ALFING MONTAGETECHNIK GMBH**

Our Ref: **Q76374**

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation Application of pending prior Application No. PCT/EP02/00292 filed January 14, 2002 of Baltes GASS entitled **MACHINING SYSTEM AND TOOL UNIT FOR THE MACHINING OF WORKPIECES**.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract and 4 sheets of drawings as filed in the prior application. Also enclosed is a Preliminary Amendment.

Priority is claimed from:

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The priority document will be filed at a later date.

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A check for the statutory fee of \$930.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

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